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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Von Braun Appearance Before
Congressional Committee

1. Colonel Dodds of G-2 called this morning to pass on the following information:

General Gavin, who is apparently responsible for GM activity in the Army, was testifying before a congressional committee headed by Congressman Shepherd. With Gavin was von Braun. Shepherd pressed von Braun to provide all the information that he had inasmuch as the committee was cleared for top secret. Gavin cautioned von Braun not to disclose matters pertaining to the consultation which occurred here on Thursday last on the subject of [REDACTED] Von Braun or Gavin indicated to Shepherd when he put the heat on that information regarding certain sensitive matters on which they could not speak would have to be obtained from the CIA. Mr. Shepherd is said to have replied that CIA had been up there and they, the committee, knew all that there was to know from CIA.

2. In sum, von Braun did not, repeat not, comment on the [REDACTED] discussions, but Colonel Dodds felt you should know about this in the event there was a congressional inquiry directed to us.

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